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) **METHOD AND INSTRUMENT FOR**
) **AUTOMATED ANALYSIS OF FLUID-BASED**
) **PROCESSING SYSTEMS**

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) Attorney Docket No. 286697-00005

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In Figure 7, add number "704" and associated lead line.

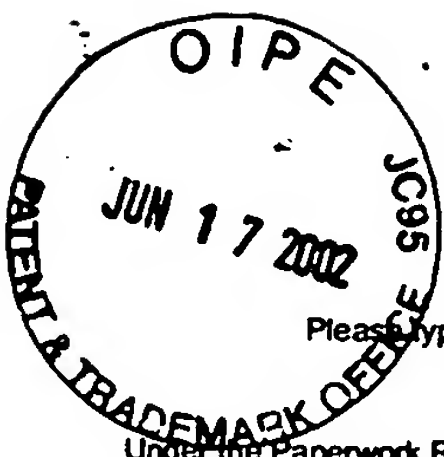
In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17 with the following:

The present inventors have chosen an enhancement of a known technique for achieving calibration-free mass spectrometry measurements. The known technique is Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry, hereinafter IDMS. In IDMS, one takes advantage of well-known, naturally-occurring isotope ratios in essentially all elements. For example, it is well-known that the average atomic mass of copper (Cu) in the natural state is 63.546, consisting of isotopes 62.9396 at 69.2% and 64.9276 at 30.8%. Very generally speaking,

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